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SUBJ: NAMIBIA - DTA LEADERS RETURN FROM TRAVELS

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTS FROM WINDHOEK THAT FIVE
LEADERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLIANCE (DTA) RETURNED
MARCH 19 FROM A WEEK OF TRAVELS OUTSIDE NAMIBIA, DURING
WHICH THEY HELD TALKS WITH "REPRESENTATIVES OF AFRICAN
AND EUROPEAN GOVTS". THE FIVE DTA LEADERS WERE
DIRK MUDGE, CLEMMENS KAPUUO, CONELIUS NDJOBA, JARIRETUNDU
KOZONGUIZI, AND PETER KALANGULA. ALTHOUGH THE DTA LEADERS
WOULD NOT SAY WHERE THEY HAD BEEN OR WITH WHOM THEY TALKED,
THEY WERE REPORTED AS SAYING THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH THE
PROGRESS THEY HAD MADE. THE ARTICLE QUOTED DIRK
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MUDGE AS SAYING THAT THE TALKS CONCERNED "RECOGNITION
OF THE DTA AS A PARTY AND AS A FUTURE GOVT....
THE CONTACTS ARE OBVIOUSLY NECESSARY BECAUSE IT SEEMED
THAT THE WESTERN INITIATIVE TO SECURE AN INTERNATIONALLY
ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION FOR THE TERRITORY WAS HEADED FOR
FAILURE. IT SEEMS TO US THAT WE MUST WRITE OFF THE
POSSIBILITY OF RECOGNITION RISING FROM THE WESTERN

INITIATIVE".

2. AN OFFICIAL AT DTA HEADQUARTERS IN WINDHOEK TOLD US THAT MUDGE'S COMMENTS REFLECTED PESSIMISM ON THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF THE WESTERN INITIATIVE RATHER THAN A REJECTION OF THE INITIATIVE.

3. A WELL-INFORMED WINDHOEK SOURCE TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT THE DTA LEADERS MAY HAVE GONE TO GERMANY, WHERE THEY HOPED TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUBSIDIES FOR THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN FROM THE ADENAUER FOUNDATION. THE GERMAN EMBASSY CONFIRMS THAT THE GROUP DID VISIT GERMANY AND PRESUMABLY FOR FUND-RAISING PURPOSES.
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